SITE NUMBER: WA-IV-232-

ADDRESS: 36? East Water Street, Smithsburg, MD

OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: Lewis E. Motter, 662/756, private

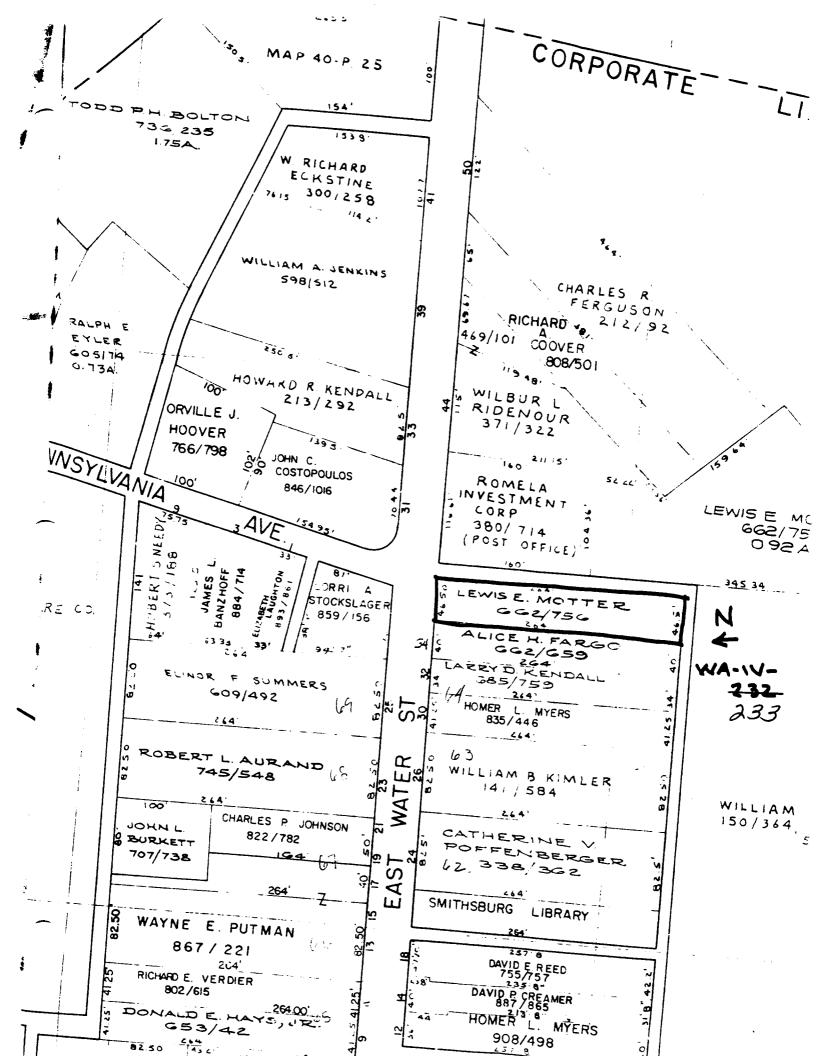
BUILDING DATE: 1916-1923

36? East Water Street (Lewis' Automotive) is a north-facing, horizontally massed, symmetrical, two-story, three-bay, cast stone, freestanding, industrial/commercial structure resting on a concrete foundation. The building consists of a two-story, shed-roof front portion and a long, seven-bay, rear gable-roof section. Windows on the front section are paired, double-hung, one-over-one sash. The rear section has multi-paned industrial sash.

The building is outside the originally platted portion of the town, according to the 1814 plat of the town. The 1875 town map shows a large building on the lot which was owned by C. Hiteshew. However, this building probably refers to 34 East Water. The lot remained intact until after 1916. The 1916 Sanborn indicates what is today 34 East Water on the larger lot that includes a vacant space at this building's location. It notes the vacant space as 135 Water. The extant building is first noted on the 1923 Sanborn as a garage and is still on the same lot as 34 East Water.

The building is within the Western Maryland Geographic Organization, the Industrial/Urban Dominance Development Period, and falls within the Transportation Historic Period Theme.

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